



Eastwood Newsletter



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Your Eastwood Team

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EASTWOOD STABLEFORD 3 OF 4

September 7, 2014

The September event will be a 4 person Stableford point team game using the best 3 of the 4 net scores to determine your total points. This event will be Sunday, September 7th with an 8:30am shotgun start. Sign up no later than Thursday, September 4 at the Pro Shop. Please check in upstairs for your tee assignment/announcements and downstairs with the pro shop regarding your playing privilege (greens fees).

Each player in the group plays his own ball. After the hole is completed, write your team gross (actual) score in the proper column. Subtract the handicap strokes (designated by dots) you are given to get your net score.

The Stableford point values are as follows:

Net Double Bogey	-3 points	Net Birdie	5 points
Net Bogey	0 point	Net Eagle	8 points
Net Par	2 points	Net Double Eagle	10 points

Add together the best 3 of 4 point totals and write the total below on the scorecard.

This is a food event. Stick around for lunch after your round.

Stableford Team Betting Available Before Shot-gun Start.

Letter from our Club Professional

To All Men's Club Members:

Wow, what a great three months of weather we have had. Hopefully we can take this through November. Congratulations to Ron Haugen for repeating as our 2014 Men's Club Champion. I would like to thank all that played, and send my congratulations to ALL Flight Champions.

As of August 23rd, the 2014 All-City Golf Championship was filled. Saturday September 13th, Eastwood will host Day 1 of this three day tournament. I am asking for volunteers to be ball spotters, to help make this event as professional as possible. Holes #6, 11, 13, and 16 will be the spotting holes. We are looking for about 8-12 people to work a four hour shift. Shifts may run 8:00am-Noon and Noon-4pm. If you have some time and are available to help please call the golf shop to sign up. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

The date is set for our annual Dual at the Jewel battle with Northern Hills and Soldiers Field. The date is September 26th @ 9am. The first chance to sign up for this event will be September 5th at 8am SHARP. We will take the first 16 players that call or walk in the 5th to represent Eastwood (We have NEVER won this event).

As we dive into September, football starts, school begins, and the weather cools down. It is the best time to tee it up. The golf course is in wonderful shape. Enjoy your fall.

Your PGA Professional,

Jeff Gorman

**All Credits must be used by
November 15th**

Greetings to fellow EASTWOOD MEN'S CLUB members

“While We’re Young”

Kudos to the USGA for tackling one of golf's most frustrating challenges - slow play! Everyone has theories as to why it's a problem and how best to solve it. I read one account that compared it to traffic. It's always the other guy's fault. Maybe every other car is at fault. Certainly not you (or me).

We do have some success stories so far: the Eastwood women played their Club Championship rounds in about 3 hours and 15 minutes! It's certainly something to strive for, but let's just all agree to be more conscientious about pace of play the next time we get out. You'll appreciate it from the group ahead of you. And I promise...the group behind you will appreciate it too.

Pace of play is a key driver in the enjoyment of the game, so the next time you play please help everyone on the course enjoy their day by following a few of these easy guidelines for speeding up pace:

- Play READY golf; be ready to play when it is your turn.
- Read your putt while others are putting.
- Walk ahead as far as is safe. DO NOT move as a group from shot to shot.
- Play the set of tees that are appropriate for you, no matter what tees everyone else is playing.
- Limit your time at the turn to five minutes.
- Do all scorekeeping on the teeing ground of the next hole, NOT on the green of the current hole.
- If you are the first or second person to finish the hole, put your clubs away and be ready to go to the next hole, let the third person to finish put the flagstick back in.
- Set your clubs (or park your cart) between the flagstick and the next tee box to minimize time between holes.
- Golf is a social game, but limit socializing to times when it is appropriate such as the putting green and teeing ground (when the group is closer together), but do so in a manner so as to not slow down the progress of the group.
- Be an athlete, walk fast.
- When on carts, be willing to take many clubs and walk to your ball if your riding partner is not near you; do not wait for the partner to bring the cart to you.
- Remember that USGA handicapping allows you to pick up your ball if you are having a bad hole. You should never putt for more than an eight.
- Help others in your group, watch everyone's shots and track them so they can quickly be found.

- Remember that your place on the golf course is directly behind the group in front of you, NOT in front of the group behind you!

The message is clear...PICK UP THE PACE!

Greg Snider – Men's Club President

The Duel at the Jewel

The "Duel at the Jewel" is a special competition between teams from Eastwood, Northern Hills & Soldiers Field Men's Club played at the Jewel in Lake City. This inter-club event is composed of three teams of 16 players from each men's club. Pairings are established by the team captains for the "net 4 ball match play" competition. This event is Friday, September 26th with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$55 which includes golf, 1/2 cart & prizes for the winning teams members.

Sign up for the Eastwood Team will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 5th; you may sign up by a phone call to Eastwood or in person. This is very popular event so the Eastwood field of 16 players will fill very quickly - first come, first served!

From the desk of the Assistant Pro

This has been one of the better summers I have seen once the spring ended. We have had amazing weather and can only hope that it keeps going. Ray LeGrand and I played in the Assistant's Pro-Am at Dacotah Ridge a few weeks ago. We played well in some very windy conditions. Coming up is the Assistant's Championship September 22nd at North Oaks Country Club. I would like to thank many of you for helping me get there by buying raffle tickets. Hopefully I can go and represent Eastwood well up there.

The Clash at the Wood 5 Ryder Cup event will take place here at Eastwood, September 27th and 28th. The player's dinner and pairings reveal will be at 6pm on the 27th, and the golf will take place the 28th at 9am.

64-Man and 4-Ball matches are moving along well this year, but let's make sure we get them in as soon as possible. Let's hope that the weather stays this amazing and that we can get many more rounds in this year.

Drew Muhich

Club Championship - 2014 Results

Championship Flight

1 st Place	Ron Haugen (Won Playoff)	147
2 nd Place	Elton Mosman	147
3 rd Place	Ken Gerzsenyi	147
4 th Place	Steve Love	150

First Flight

1 st Place	Jeff Ehrhart	150
2 nd Place	Mark Rieder	151
3 rd Place	Keith Landhuis	157
T-4 th Place	Chris Ebnet	159
T-4 th Place	Paul Haugen	159
T-4 th Place	Dave Norgaard	159
T-4 th Place	Greg Snider	159

Second Flight

1 st Place	Mark Mitchell	164
T-2 nd Place	Mike Gorman	169
T-2 nd Place	Ali Sameni	169
4 th Place	Sean Amundson	172

Third Flight

1 st Place	Ray LeGrand	158
2 nd Place	Jeff Wells	168
3 rd Place	Kun Park	172
4 th Place	Dan Webster	174
5 th Place	Scott Stiving	178

Fourth Flight

1 st Place	Tom Musta	169
2 nd Place	Curt Kraft	178
3 rd Place	Dana Funk	181

Fifth Flight

1 st Place	Gaylan Willert	186
2 nd Place	Mark Bofferding	190
3 rd Place	Dale Frank	193

Senior Division

1 st Place	Ron Haugen (Won Playoff)	147
2 nd Place	Ken Gerzsenyi	147
T-3 rd Place	Steve Love	150
T-3 rd Place	Jeff Ehrhart	150

Super Senior Division

1 st Place	Mark Rieder	151
T-2 nd Place	Keith Landhuis	157
T-2 nd Place	John Mozina	157

Clash at the Woods V

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. September 27th

Matches begin at 9:00 a.m. September 28th

Eastwood Men's Club Board of Directors

The Eastwood Men's Club has 175 members. From within this membership are a few volunteers who serve as the Eastwood Men's Club Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is responsible for a host of things -

- organize and conduct the monthly events;
- oversee the men's club treasury;
- serve as a focal point for feedback from the members.

The Board Members are all volunteers and work hard to provide our membership with great events. Each year a few members rotate off the Board, if you have any interest in serving on the Board in 2015 feel free to contact any Board member to express your interest. Listed below are the members of our Board - feel free to contact any of them with your feedback & suggestions and a thank you too!

Greg Snider (President), Chris Hilker (Vice President), , Ross Messick (Secretary), Paul Pharis (Treasurer), Frank Silker, Galen Kinsley, Tom Musta, Tim Cuddihy, Don Hameister, Brian Kotajarvi, Kun Park & Ray LeGrand (Past President).

Ruffensore Remembered

Ross Messick
Secretary, Eastwood Men's Club

Many of you remember the legendary Red Ruffensore; newer members might only have heard the name whispered quietly and cautiously. For you newer golfers at Eastwood, Ruffensore was a legendary sports journalist who was far down on his luck when ended up at Eastwood as a monthly contributor to this newsletter. I may have been as close to him as anyone, but none of us really knew him. To say he was an enigma wrapped in a riddle would be too simple. Let's just call him unique.

What happened to Ruffensore? No one has a clue, but the speculation is wild. Some think he is still alive and living somewhere that his excessive use of drugs and alcohol are more acceptable. Some believe he still inhabits the dark, secluded depths of Eastwood Golf Course, living a celibate, monastic existence. Others think he has passed on to the next life, where he is surely keeping his frost bitten feet warm in the eternal fires of Hell.

I think about Red Ruffensore a lot these days as I come to terms with my own golden years. I hope I can do it better than he did. And yet, I envy his life and what he stood for. If he were here today, watching our group as he did from the balcony outside the Eastwood Grill, drinking a glass of his favorite Ruffensore Red Ale, he might share some thoughts with all of you. I'd like to think I understand him.

Course Conditions

Ruffensore would agree with you that they have never been better. Good luck? Investment of valuable and important tax resources? The magic hand of Chief Superintendent Brudwick?

Ruffensore was around for a long time. Going back decades, to the time of the Old Pro, we had a greenskeeper who was hired because he could keep the machinery running. And keep it running he did. Mowing and raking were priorities that were met with regularity and commitment. Mowing got easier over the years as the stunted grass grew more slowly and sparsely. Not the case now as Supt. Brudwick and Turf Specialist Minske have labored long and caringly to give us proper fairways, greens and , sadly, healthy rough areas. Ruffensore would heap accolades upon our grounds crew.

Weather Conditions

It has been a Minnesota summer. Temperatures have gone from chilling to stifling and back again. We have experience drought and flooding and humidity that makes it feel like we are breathing from the bottom of Silver Lake Pool. And the whining is unbearable. Ruffensore would scream that you (and I mean Men's Club members, Women's Leagues and public golfers) are all sissies. He would tell you to put on your Big Boy Pants and play golf. Or in the case of the ladies, to put on your Big Girl Capri's. Suck it up and play golf. That is what you do at Eastwood.

He would also criticize the prolific use of air horns at all City of Rochester golf courses. Thunder? Lightning? Rain? These are elements of nature and subsequently part of golf. He would have

heard all of you say at some point, “I can play in the rain, I can play with thunder. But lightning is a different story.” Well, he’d have said, what are the odds of being hit by lightning? Really? Keep playing!

Pace of Play

Red Ruffensore alluded many times to the problem of slow play in the Men’s Club. You may remember him telling you that the Ladies’ 18 Hole League Championship Flight plays their opening round in under 3 hours; that the rest of the group play it in 3 hours and 45 minutes. You guys can barely finish a round in the same decade. Ruffensore would have said.

With that, he’d have made specific comments based on his observation from Charlie Brannon’s deck. Like, why do you have to plumb bob your fourth putt? You guys have played Eastwood’s subtle greens hundreds of times. You should know them like the back of your hand (Writer’s note: Ruffensore would have said it with far more color. This writer is not Red Ruffensore and that is the best he could come up with).

He would scream out against the directional lines drawn on most of your golf balls as an illegal putting aid, just like if you took your alignment rods from the practice tee and used them on the golf course to make sure you were pointed the right direction. And how many times do you need to go back to the ball to tweak your alignment before you roll the ball 4 feet past the hole?

And he would have written something sarcastic about the way you all meticulously pace off your yardage, shuffle golf clubs in and out of your bag while you decide which tool is best for this shot, take several minutes to rehearse your swing and then shank into the hazard. Face it: there is a standard deviation for the success of any golf shot based on distance, elevation change, and wind direction and speed. Some of you are in the first standard deviation, which means, statistically, you have a 1 to 5 chance of hitting something that bears a vague semblance of what you were hoping to hit. The rest of us can stop wasting everyone’s time by selecting your club and taking your swing. Avoid the paralysis of analysis and hit your damned shot. That is what Ruffensore might have said.

Fellow golfers, a reminder before you come into the Pro Shop or see me on the course: These are the opinions that I believe Red Ruffensore may have wanted to share if he were here today. They, by no means, reflect my own attitude. You all know me as a whiner who can’t stand the best of weather and who processes every shot with a computer-like thoroughness. But I miss Ruffensore as a friend and contributor to this journal, and I thought someone should remember him.